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For: ORIFICE DEVICES WITH LOCK MECHANISMS, VIBRATION ABSORPTION DEVICES HAVING THE ORIFICE DEVICES, AND METHODS OF ASSEMBLING THE ORIFICE DEVICES

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2004, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows: